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For. **RECORDING MEDIUM TYPE DETERMINING APPARATUS AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM TYPE DETERMINING METHOD**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper, and include both an attached set of replacement sheet and an attached set of annotated sheet showing changes to FIG. 9.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including amended drawing figure is attached following page 4 of this paper.